

Application No.: 10/022,848

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): An automatic teller machine equipped with a currency deposit/withdraw mechanism for depositing/withdrawing a currency, comprising:

a main body control unit for controlling said automatic teller machine; wherein:

said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism includes:

a currency deposit/withdraw port for depositing/withdrawing the currency;

a discriminating unit for discriminating the currency deposited ~~[[form]]~~ from said currency deposit/withdraw port;

a temporary storage unit for temporarily storing the currency discriminated by said discriminating unit;

a plurality of cassettes for storing thereinto the currencies in accordance with said discrimination result and also detachably mounted on said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism; and

~~[[also]] a control unit for controlling said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism, each of said cassettes storing cassette information which includes a cassette sort indicating a type of the cassette, country sort information indicating a country of paper currency received in the cassette and money sort indicating [[a]] the money sort of the paper currency received in said cassette, said discriminating unit storing discriminatable range information which includes a range of country sort information indicating country sorts of paper currency and a range of money sort indicating money sorts discriminatable in said discriminating unit;~~

said control unit ~~[[of]]~~ for controlling said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism acquires said cassette information from said cassettes set to said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism and said discriminatable range information from said discriminating unit set to said currency deposit/withdrawal withdraw mechanism, and also transmits said acquired cassette information and said acquired discriminatable range information to said main body control unit; and

said main body control unit stores operation information which is set prior to operation of ~~[[sid]]~~ said automated teller machine, said operation information contains country sort information indicating an area of paper currency which said automated teller machine should handle and cassette structural information indicating structure of cassettes for paper currency arranged with said automated teller machine, said main body control unit acquires said discriminatable range information and ~~said cassette structural~~ information transmitted from said control unit of said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism, and also transmits said operation information of said automated teller machine to said control unit of said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism, said main body control unit ~~checking~~ checks whether said information transferred from said control unit of said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism matches with said information stored in its own main body control unit, and vice versa, prior to operation.

Claim 15 (currently amended): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 14 wherein:

either said main body control unit or said control unit ~~[[of]]~~ for controlling the currency deposit/withdraw mechanism continuously monitors, or monitors in a constant time interval mounting/dismounting of said cassettes which are set to said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 15 wherein:

in the case that either said main body control unit or said control unit ~~[[of]]~~ for controlling the currency deposit/withdraw mechanism monitors to sense that said cassettes are again reset, said main body control unit again acquires said cassette information transmitted from said control unit, and also judges as to whether or not said acquired cassette information is suitable for said stored operation information of the automated teller machine.

Claim 17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (currently amended): An automated teller machine as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 14 wherein:

in the case that said main body control unit judges that said acquired money sort information is suitable for said operation information, said main body control unit executes the operation of said automated teller machine based upon said operation information; and

in the case that said main body control unit judges that said acquired money sort information is not suitable for said operation information, said main body control unit notifies such a fact that said acquired memory sort information is not suitable for said operation information.

Claims 19-20 (cancelled).